

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office has required restriction between the following groups:

Group I: Claims 33, 35-45, 49, 51, 55-57, 59-60, and 65-92, drawn to a variety of strips to be inserted between two substrates to cause acoustic attenuation of noise propagating through at least one of the two substrates; and

Group II: Claims 61-64, drawn to a method of evaluating acoustic damping properties of a strip configured to be inserted between two substrates, with the strip being formed from at least one damping material.

Applicants have elected Group I: Claims 33, 35-45, 49, 51, 55-57, 59-60 and 65-92 for further prosecution.

Claims 1-32, 34, 46-48, 50, 52-54, 58 and 61-64 are canceled.

Support for each amended claim is found at the originally filed claims and throughout the specification.

No new matter has been added.

The indefiniteness rejection of Claims 35 and 51 is obviated by the amendments to these claims.

The enablement rejection of Claims 33, 35-45, 49, 51, 55-57, 59-60, and 65-92, is obviated by the amendment of Claims 33, 65, and 77.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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Reply to Restriction Requirement and Office Action of August 16, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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